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UNFICYP MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION WINNERS

The Canadians display their trophies: L to R Capt James Penman, Pte "Koho" Kohinski, Sgt "Newf" Vardy, and Pte "Mac" MacIntyre.

1PPCLI WINS UNFICYP MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION

The UNFICYP Military Skills Competition, held every 6 months between all the UN units serving in Cyprus, was held from 13 — 14 July 1978. The 4 man teams complete a demanding 24 hour test of their military ability. During the competition the following events are encountered:

1. A 15 km forced march,
2. Establish an OP,
3. A 5 km night navigation exercise,
4. A 15 km day navigation exercise with 7 stands along the way which included:
 - a. Grenade throwing,
 - b. A signals stand,
 - c. Judging distance,
 - d. Map using,
 - e. Combat first-aid,
 - f. Obstacle course, and;
 - g. Timed shooting.

The Canadian Team consisted

of team leader Capt James Penman, Sgt "Newf" Vardy, Pte "Koho" Kohinski, and Pte "Mac" MacIntyre. This outstanding team dominated the competition from the first event — the 15 km Forced March — which the Canadians did in 83 minutes. That evening, after the night navigation exercise, it was confirmed that they were the team to beat as they rounded the course in the fastest time again.

It was not however until the last event that the Canadians clinched victory. All the teams had finished and watched anxiously as the Canadians struggled in. They tackled the obstacle course and fell exhausted to the firing line.

The finishing whistle blast left no question at all as the team downed 13 of the 15 targets — the best shooting of the day.

Sector 4 had won the competition!



"OVER THE TOP"



The Sector 4 team drives on at mile 7 and still smiling!



Team Leader for Sector 4, Capt JD Penman, receives congratulations from Maj General Quinn for a fine effort.

THE PATRICIA'S AT BISLEY-OUTSTANDING SHOOTING!

Canada, and more specifically the PPCLI, became a center of attention because of consistently high standings in the Shooting Competitions recently held at Bisley, England. Well over two thousand of the most outstanding shots from many parts of the world participated in a large number of events, which often hosted approximately five hundred competitors each. Service rifles were used in shoots featuring a variety of firing positions, ranges and practice types.

QMSI White, LA, a well known member of 1 PPCLI, topped a field of 493 competitors to win the match shot at 200 yards from the sitting position held on 10 July 78. The victory also included the HPS Star. He earned forty fifth position in the long range Elkington Shoot, which attracted 386 competitors. In

being one of four Canadians to qualify for the second stage of the Queen's Prize Shoot, QMSI White placed in the top 300 of 1897 competitors. Sgt Luscombe, ET, of 3 PPCLI and Sgt Smith, GA, of 1 PPCLI were among the other Canadians that qualified. At least three honourable mentions were added to QMSI White's record during the competitions, as well as eighty second placing in the Daily Telegraph shoot (1153 competitors).

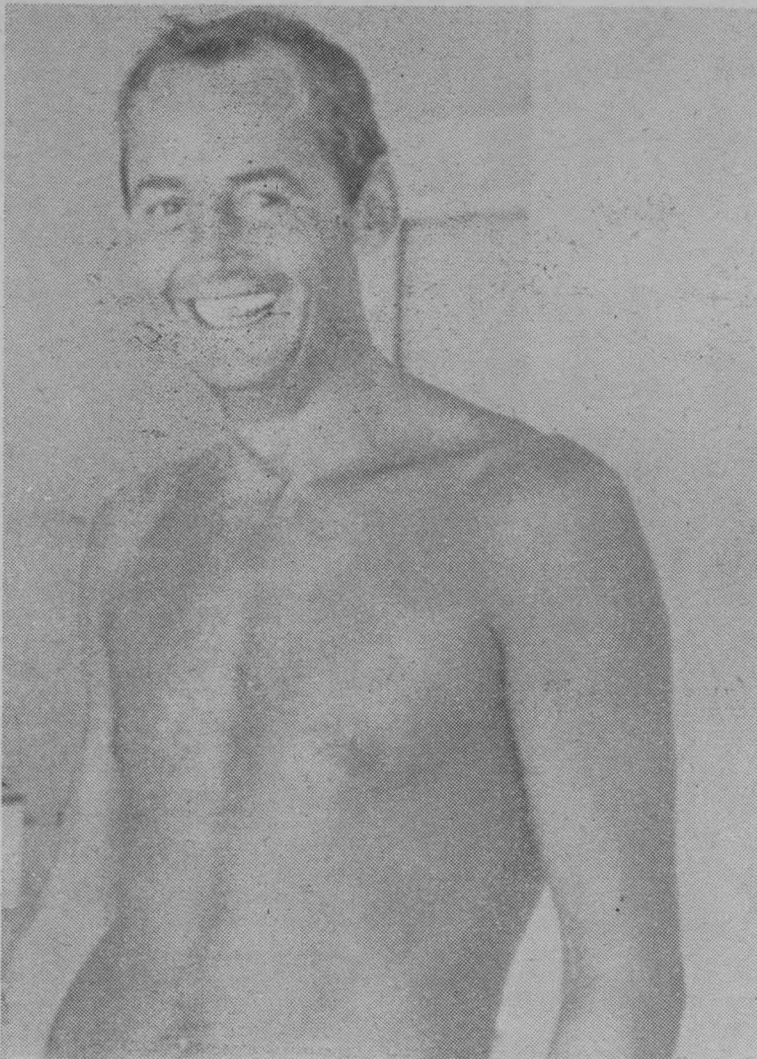
Cpl Lauritson, N, also of 1 PPCLI, did outstandingly well individually and as a member of the Canadian Forces C Team. Sixth place in a match from the sitting position, eighteenth place from the standing position, forty fourth place in the Stephen's Shoot, and two honour-

able mentions are indicative of his successes. Sgt Smith, GA, (1 PPCLI) earned three honourable mentions and also fired with the C team, which won the Hamilton Leigh Shoot. This competition included an obstacle course and 40 other teams. Sgt Smith also achieved thirty seventh place in the SMG Cup on 15 July 78.

Other battalions of the Regiment also distinguished themselves. Pte Taylor, GE, of 3 PPCLI won both the Queen Mary Practice — Fire and Movement and the rapid aggregate Shoot. A silver medal was won by him in the Green Jackets Shoot. Fourth place in the Green Jackets Shoot went to Sgt Luscombe, also of 3 PPCLI. MCpl Countryman JC and Pte Truple, RM, were also added to the

third battalion's list of superior shots. MCpl Logan, RG, and MCpl Laroque, JC, of the second battalion also enlarged the PPCLI winner's circle.

The three CF teams participating at Bisley consistently placed in the top ten in such competitions as the Brinsmead, Hythe, Mappin, Roberts and Hamilton Leigh Shoots. The Canadian team placed second in the coveted United Services Challenge Cup after being edged out by the UK Regular Army team by a mere four points (1299 to 1295). Nightly firings of the five pound cannon (situated in front of the Canadian pavilion) celebrated the numerous Canadian victories in each winning match.



PLAYBOY OF THE MONTH?

SIGS PL HAPPENINGS

Lo Lo Lo Lo good buddies once again it's time for the Sig Pl happenings. So lovers of trivia, frivolity and pa'triness stay tuned for some exciting sagas from Sig Pl.

This issue finds M/Cpl Tom Wilding, Byron Fletcher, Cpl Bernie Currie and company up in the air over a certain 90' tower. The old son of a gun is a tough nut to crack, say the boys, but we will cut her down to size even if it does take a hacksaw. If you looked out back of the CommCen and thought the "Flying Wallenda's" were in camp; you're wrong, it's only the Line Crew. Spectators are warned to avoid looking up when Bernie puts his tools back in his belt, as this could prove hazardous to your fillings.

In a recent move to the lower floor of the JOC, it seems our Australian friends had a phone problem. In a concentrated effort to nail down the problem, our favorite Line Crew found it helps when the right set of wires is connected to the "Talking Black Box".

Mind you, being disconnected made it a whole lot easier to move around the room.

Congrat'ations go out to Capt Mike Hanrahan on successfully passing his exams. That threat of an extra tour worked, eh Sir. The good Capt has been showing a lot of the Pearly Whites lately. Could it be it's because the new 2i/c has arrived?

Recently our two storemen, M/Cpl John Burke and Cpl Ron Bennett, did a little renovation to the back of the stores building. The Platoon now has a gathering place. Its former use was a bit ominous, as it was used as a morgue. However, things are never dead in Sigs Pl; so with a little paint and curtains, the boys have reopened "Dead Space".

The boys bid adieu to a member in good standing, Cpl Gary Keller, who is moving to transport. We can't remember if you won or lost the flip Gary, but all the best from the boys in the platoon.

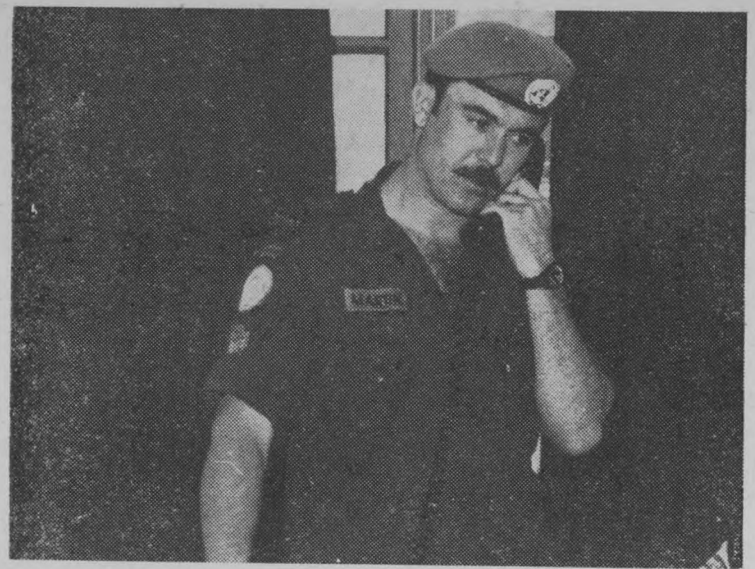
The Platoon also welcomes back Pte Len Atwin who was with the Platoon in the beginning, but went astray to transport.

Is it true that there are members of the Pl who have the dreaded taboo "89 Days Left Ca'endar" hid in their barrack boxes? Undoubtedly there are the jaded few who take delight in this perversion; in a discreet manner of course.

The recent barrack inspection has alleviated the fears of CSM Moeller that the troopies were using their rooms as bottle depositories.

Well fellow readers, that's it for this issue, so until next time, keep up the fair work and good comms.

BCNU



"NO, WE CAN'T SELL YOU THE AIRPORT!"
M/Cpl Phil Martin of OPS E.

IVORY TOWER

Relax folks, and let me dispel those disquieting and illfounded rumours concerning the untimely and gruesome demise of our regular "reporter" (as he calls himself; rumour monger and tattle-tail is more to the point), Stephen D. Shirk III, MCpl, Esquire. No Folks, Stephen was not garrotted in the garret, nor was he drowned in the dungeon, and his \$13,000/year fingers are just fine; he only went on leave — rehabilitation leave, that is. Seriously, poor Stephen is having real problems with his "writing" these days (perhaps you noticed how Pte "Bam Bam" Moody wrote one of the last columns in his place; perhaps you didn't). The unfortunate truth is that poor Stephen has simply run out of those unkind, malicious and uncorroborated insults which he has until now peddled off on you, unknowing reader, as the honest-to-God and witty truth. In a sincere effort to provoke Stephen's return then, I shall direct the bloody crayon of retribution (Oh fearsome and unholy instrument!) this week only.

Leave has been the big news this week, with almost everyone either just returned or making plans to depart. Capt Bob "the Boss" Newman finally left for a much deserved rest in England. In his place Capt Jim "Am I ever going to need a rest after this "Penman is pretending that he is Ops A. Jim has just returned from leading an elite team of ugly Canadians to victory in the UNFICYP Military Skills Competition. There's nothing that James cannot hum or whistle through.

Lt Stevie Baker (the wonder boy) has just returned from a relaxing but intensive pastry-eating vacation in the UK accompanied by his lovely wife; those scones do taste better together, don't they Steve? The entire Ivory Tower is awaiting the return of Lt "Book'em Danno" Hansen from leave with mixed emotions; as the most prodigious paper-pusher of all, Dan's hard work and dedication have been sorely missed, but it has been

so quiet here with him in Europe. Perhaps something can be worked out...

Lt Glen "Orca" Nordick has successfully completed his baptism of fire by not losing either BGen Mitchell or his own sanity and sense of humour during the Commander's recent visit. A Coy was never this much fun, eh Glen? Lt Edward "POOH Bear" Vaillancourt, recently departed for A Coy, has been unable to completely divest himself of the Tower. In his nocturnal prowls "the bear" is frequently observed padding about the JOC; that's fine Ed, just remember to bring a pizza for the Duty Officer.

Under the vigilant supervision of Sgt Bruce "Eagle Eye" Gibb, the faithful Ops Clerks have been incessantly active, and largely responsible for maintaining the Tower's reputation for hustle and bustle. There is no end to the talent displayed by our clerks; despite Pte "Bam Bam" Moody's swimming and MCpl "silent-pen" Shirk's driving, little amazes us anymore.

Downstairs, at the base of the tower, MWO Moeller is breathing a lot easier with Pte "sure foot" MacEachern back on the job to sort out HQ Coy Administration (there should be a law against clerks going on leave). Also, the CSM's long-anticipated posting (unattached) to the Pierre Elliot Trudeau Labour Bn on Baffin Island has still not arrived. Be careful CSM, madness in great ones does not go unwatched. Capt Les "White Man" Bailey has just arrived from Canada to take command of a multitude of responsibilities in the training and administrative department. Welcome aboard — Les!

As for me, I remain dedicated to that most sacred quest for the holy kebab. The way of the pilgrim is virtuous but weary and a crusader's life is lonely; though the sun be warm, the water cool and the flesh tempting, there can be no respite from this consuming task till my efforts are rewarded. No part of this mysterious, legend-clad island shall go unvisited, and no hiding place, however remote, shall remain untouched while my strength remains. Unless of course I get a better offer, that is.

OPS B

Once again here are some words of wisdom from castle-keep!

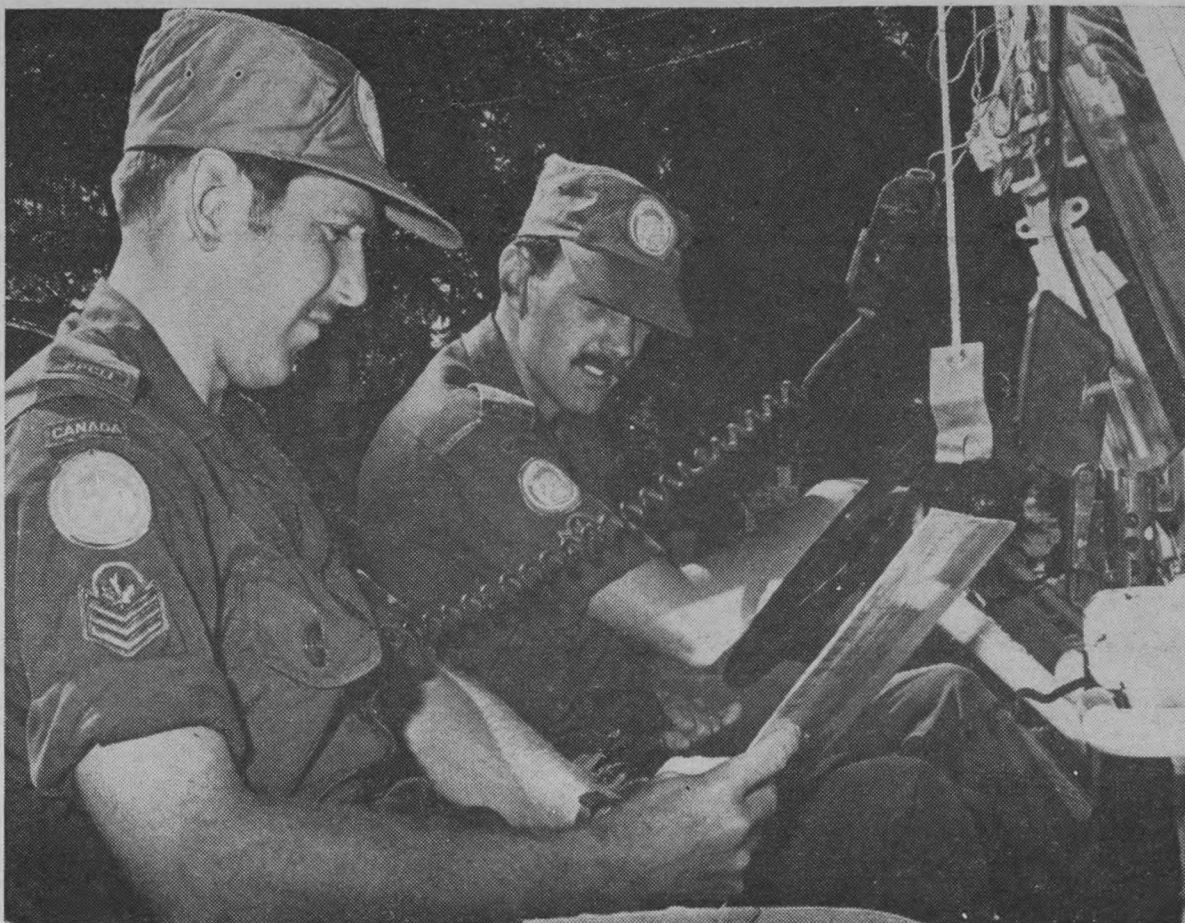
1. Never let an officer design your section T-shirt. We're in the process of designing an Ops B Cyprus T-shirt and we've had some varied recommendations.

2. Don't put a loaded camera in the hands of an Int Op. MCpl Ken Parker has been filling in for our photographer while he's been away and one of the major results, believe it or not, has been a severe case of sun burn!

3. Feed MCpl Gus Pirie at mess dinners and water your graphic artist at least once a day!

4. Most of all and always remember — a woman is like an elephant, you like to see one now and again but you wouldn't want to own one! PS: Hi Marbles!!

That's the latest info from Ops Info. So remember, if you've got a rumour — spread it!!



"ARE YOU SURE THAT'S THE WAY OUT OF THE PARKING LOT?"
Sgt Gord George and MCpl ROB Sutherland of Recce Pl.

RECCE PLATOON

Time for another episode in the continuing saga of Recce Pl. in Cyprus. We've had a temporary change of command as the platoon whips (Lt. Pentney

and W.O. Szpitun) are both on leave. So at least temporarily, the platoon is in the capable(?) hands of Sgt. George. (newfie makes good) Speaking of leave, Pte's "Butch" Hannan and "Betty" Wilkinson have recently

returned from Germany. We asked if they had a good time, but they can't remember. Also returned to the fold is M/Cpl Conniff after two weeks in the land of the coal diggers. As work continues on both the bunkers

and OP repairs, the platoon prepares for a sigh of relief on completion. We seem to have run out of news past, present, and future. I guess we'll get back to work, work, work.



Cpl GARRY Keller of Sigs Pl talks with Lady Patricia during her Cyprus visit.

LOGISTICS COY AT BBC

MIR

FIGHTING THE HEAT

Here we are again, hot and muggy. What are you doing to combat the heat? No medical solution can be found, but we are trying maintain our cool.

Cpl Ouellet has just returned full of smiles after spending eleven days with his wife in Germany and France.

Sgt Sandercock and the Log Coy Softball Team have returned from a "exciting" trip to Ismailia. They won both of their ball games (19-2 and 6-5) and a few of the players won an experience with a mild form of "Gypo Gut".

MCpl Fraser is still in Canada on his leave. Dr Shore is in Israel on his 48. Thats his second trip there. I wonder what the attraction is.

Postings — Sgt Sandercock to 1 Fd Amb Calgary in Oct and being replaced by Sgt White. MCpl Hendry has joined the rear party to replace MCpl Hunt. Pte T-Wall rotated back to Canada and Cpl Williston has joined the MASH team.



Left to Right:
Rear Row: Cpl Dion, Sgt Sandercock, Capt Shore, MCpl Beachamp, Cpl Ouellet.
Front Row: Cpl Mainville, Cpl Fraser.

"AND A PICTURE TO HANG ON THE WALL"

PIONEER PL

Greetings and Salutations from your friendly OP Mirac.es.

Well, here we are a little more than half way and things just don't seem to get any easier, and the work load doesn't get any smaller, but we're trudging along.

MCpl Len Douglas and Pte Yvon Sirard have been building bunkers the past little while, beating the heat of the day by begining theirs at 4 AM. They have also had some excellent help from the A Coy personnel. Thanks for the help guys, it is much appreciated.

MCpl Ken Vandenberg, better known as the great (Van Din) Bird from his plaintive cry of Dickie, has returned from his leave in Spain and is now back at his usual grind with his cohort, Cpl Dick Lajoie, maintaining and improving upon the structural designs that seem to plague the most intuitive minds. You have probably noticed that the Isle of Cyprus has been turning into the placid colour of UN Blue lately. This is due mostly to our great sign painters, Cpl Bob Dumont and Pte Tim White. Keep slinging the brushes guys, even when it comes to white wash.

Dangling in the Doo-Doo's we have MCpls Dave Puddester and Harry Mummery with the infinite job of keeping the good water coming in and the bad water going out. The newf has been quite pleased lately, as he has

now been invited to pay parades twice a week.

Keeping things cool are MCpl Bob Smith and Pte Ralph Otto, who have really been on the move trying to keep things cool in the hot weather. Unfortunately, if your air conditioning isn't working, their's is, and they aren't leaving it for any reason.

Electrically speaking its been quite a shocking experience for MCpl Gil'e Roy and Pte Frank Locke with a never ending battle of repairing electrical breakages as well as doing major wiring jobs. Handling the hot stuff is quite a job even for these electrical whizzes.

Handling the administration there is the infamous Lt Bain and his 21C WO Henry, coupled with our duely appointed clerk, Eng MCpl Henry Peterson. These guys have been handling the flow of paperwork, the supply of materials coming in and going out, as well as the personal administration of the platoon expertly and efficiently.

Recently, Cpl Dieter Ulrich has departed Pioneers for the Transport Section. We'll miss his smiling face and his mathematical prowess.

We shall leave you with the final note that a pioneer a day keeps the problems away.

THE HEAVY HAMMER

Congratulations this week go to Cpl McQueen, who has become the newest member of the Maintenance Platoon "RENT-A-CAST-CLUB". The Doctor has mentioned that he is thinking about attaching a medic to the pl on a full-time basis.

Things are extremely busy around here and there are not too many people sitting around looking for things to do. (Except the Capt and Snr NCOs; it seems they are a'ways looking for extra things for "us" to do). The wheeled and tracked sections are busy preparing vehicles to be sent back to Canada. Pte Sonnenberg volunteered to be a co-driver for the trip. Good try, Pete.

Alex Kollwyn and Bob McNabb have been working in the dark for the past month (nothing new to them) and are just about finishe their stocktaking. Axel is still trying for his posting to Bermuda and figures that now that he is crosstrained as a Supply Tech, it will help his chances. We hear there are vacancies for cross trained ve-

hicle techs in Churchill — is that close enough?

MCpl Rosie Rector has received the tragic news that he will be going home on 1 Sep. That's the good news. The bad news is that he is going home early to go on a Junior Leaders Course in Wainwright for 6 weeks.

The course should end about the same time the Bn comes off leave. Tough Break, Rosie! There will be no leave until your morale (morals!) improve.

That's about it for now. We would like to write more but the ETQMS (Peter Steele) is cracking the whip! See you next time.

Heavy Hammer



THE KO IN ACTION
Wo Gord Jackson at the Commissary.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

As you pass the Comptrollers branch at night and the lights are burning, that is your pay staff working overtime to ensure the records are up to date.

Over the past month, many things have come to light after the receipt of new guides from Ottawa. For people from Alberta, there has been a tax increase for the six months that you are on the island of love. In most cases, the increase is only \$10 — \$15. Don't fret; if you are still a resident of Alberta on the 31st Dec 78, you should receive a refund after submitting your tax return.

Did you know that your in-

centive pay is being actioned to your pay guide while on this tour? Normally this would not be actioned until picked up by the computer, which would mean a 2—3 month delay in payment. Although this is more beneficial to Pies, it is being done for all ranks, time permitting.

Now that we have gone to 2 pay parades per month, it should be noted that a 48 hr pass is **not** sufficient to receive a casual pay. Personnel should draw sufficient funds on Pay Parades to cover 48 hr passes.

In mid July, the Comptroller branch will be losing Capt Duval and Sgt White. They will be replaced by Capt Schofield and Sgt Wall, both from CFB Petawawa. We wish them a pleasant journey home and a happy reunion with their families.

POSTIE'S PROLOGUE

During the last month, the Postal Staff has undergone only one personnel change. Cpl JL (Kermit) Comeau has returned to sunny CFB Shilo and was replaced by Cpl IA (Immediate Action) Sabean. Although Cpl Sabean has only been with us a short while, he already has the odd mile under his belt. It won't be that long before you will be able to do the NICOSIA — LARNACA Postal run blindfolded! But lvr, I wouldn't try that; not with those cautious Gerek drivers on the road!

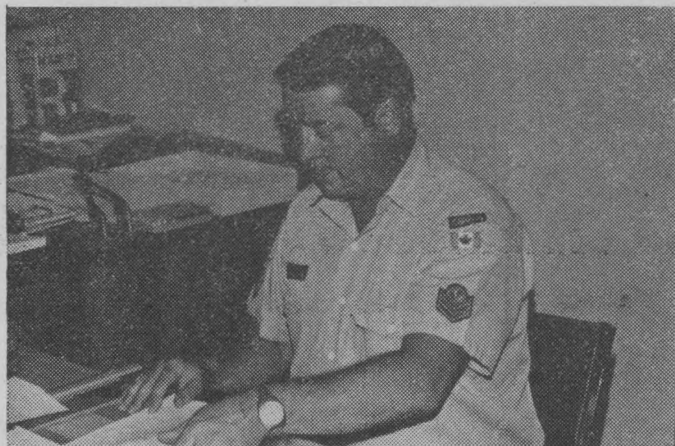
Just watch your speed lvr, the MPs (Cdn) already have Miss Postie's License Number. Say Brian, how did the MPs get Miss Postie's license number? And by the way, how is the BOC these days? Rumour has it you

volunteered to pick up the slack from the other fellows.

Although the "Almighty Postie" of all CANCON, Sgt DC Gray of CFB Edmonton has still over six million seconds left on this Island (and counting), he has already started preparations for returning to Canada.

Contrary to popular belief, the Postal Staff is not reading your personal mail, or holding any back, or missing any. Also contrary to popular belief, is the fact that if you want to receive mail you have to send some out. So let's keep us posties busy and write your letters home. Be seeing all of you shortly when the next batch of mail comes in. Until then enjoy reading through the next three months.

MOVEMENTS IN MOTION



Sgt MacLellan takes a break from the Sun to get his picture taken.



Capt Primorac. Welfare must have run out of good pocket books.

WELFARE

Hello once again from the Welfare Office. It's almost the end of another month with only two to go on the Island of Love. This is what we heard it's called.

This has been a busy month. Capt Corry is finally back behind his own desk again after being both OC and 21C Log Coy. Then Major Dehnke gave him another surprise-Rotation Officer. Hang in there sir, there are better days ahead.

Sgt (What do you want) Lewis is back from Germany after a week's leave with his wife; all smiles and broke.

Welcome back, Cpl Duffy! The pressure was too much for him since He'en has been on Ho'idays, so he went and had Capt Shore put him in the hospital for a couple of days. Don't worry George, Helen will be back on Aug 1st.

Our driver, Pte Joe Gosselin, has returned to Calgary. He is getting married in Oct. Seems the CSM would'nt give him any leave after his wedding, so he is taking it prior to the wedding.

Our new driver, Pte Dan Scully has only been here a week and he is thinking about asking for an extension. We have almost broken his habit of driving up a one way street the wrong way. Well, that's about it from the Welfare Office.



Cpl George Duffy cutting paper dolls.

O to visit Cyprus,
Aphrodite's Island
where her Eros

Dwell, who stroke
Their spell on
Mortal men . . .

From the play "Bacchae" by Euripides

TRANSPORT RAMBLINGS

Hi! Well been on the island of love for almost four months and haven't experienced any of the island's loving. Things are going great up here in BN TPT we've got some real characters around here! We'll start with our boss, LT. GALLANT, one of the hardest working men I have ever seen. The only thing wrong with him is that he is never around to do the work. (Too many parties). Then there is our faithful 2 I/C, SGT. JACKSON, who stole away to see some of the sights of the island. Then here are there three MCPL'S.

MCPL PAUL ANDERSON is

the one who quits drinking every two weeks for forty-eight hours. JOE CASEY re-axes looking for something to do. And JERRY HEY is ready for the big White House with all those accidents. Keep it up boys. Then there is Cpl Frenchy GERVASI trying to keep the transport compound out of the "grounded" line up. He's losing.

Then we have one "Bones" McMahon who thinks that he is John Travolta's Twin; but as yet, has not met the TO's standard.

Well thats all for now. If you ever get up here to Transport and nobody is home, that's because we're the ones who really do the work in CanCon.

4 Wheeler



The TO, Lt Gallant, investigates another vehicle accident.



Sgt Jackson, the TPT SGT, checks the duty driver schedule.



The dispatcher, Cpl Riil, checks vehicle work tickets.

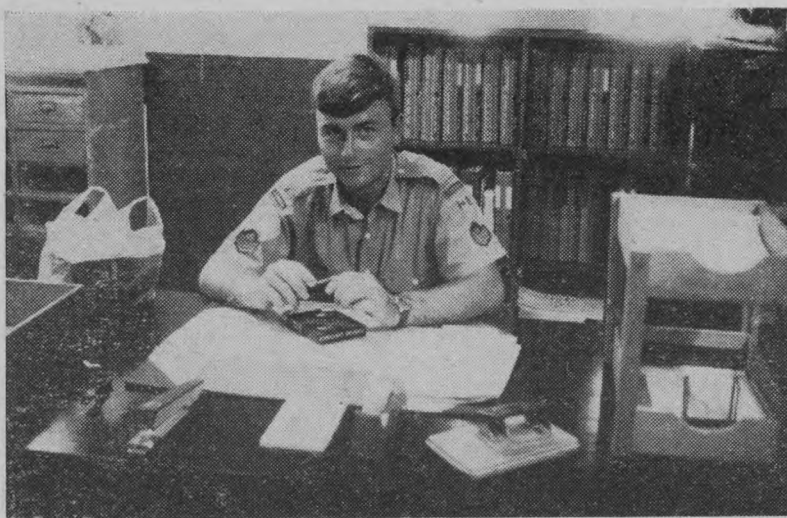
CANCON QM

Now that Tech Stores has completely moved out of the main QM building, the clothing section took over the vacated area. Under the watchful eye of Sgt Gerry Meade, Cpl Jack Jacquard has done a terrific job of the cleaning and rewarehousing of clothing stores. The clothing that was once stored at the Airhead has now been brought up to the main building where it can be readily accessible. With an eye to the imminent stocktaking Gerry and Jack have neatly stored boxes of clothing and completely changed the appearance of the central interior of the main building.

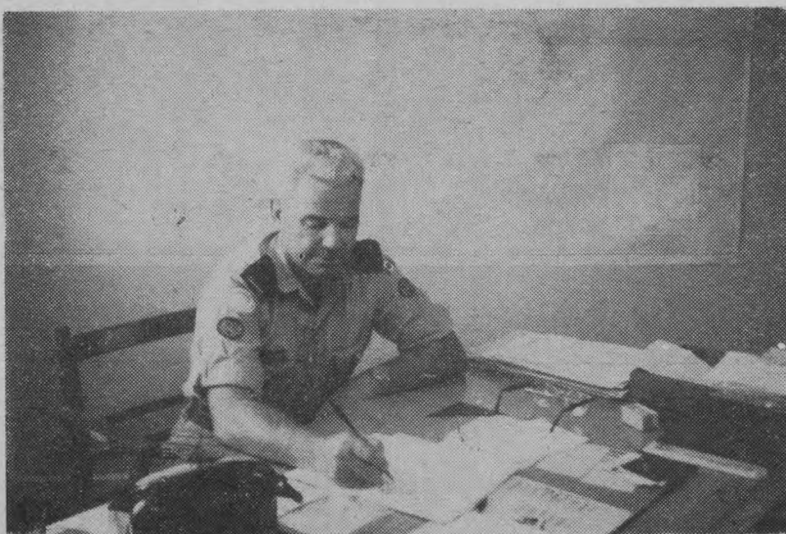
In the recent baseball trip to Ismailia, the QM was well re-

presented in the ball team. Sgts Gerry Meade, Keith Campbell, and Cpl Sean McCullough displayed a fine performance in helping to win the tournament. Congratulations to them and the rest of the team! Who says that they could do without Sup Techs!

As this will be the last article the writer will be involved in for QM, allow me to say that I have enjoyed the experience of working with the Sup Techs and Ammo Tech, despite the trials and tribulations of working in an unfamiliar environment. I will be employed in early August as the rotation NCO in helping to move the Battalion back to Canada. My only regret in leaving this section is that it cannot be a longer stay.



SO YOU WANT SOME BULLETS, EH KID?"



"BUSY, BUSY, BUSY"



"WHERE'S MAINTENANCE?"

WHAT IS FAITH?

"Faith gives substance to our hopes, and makes us certain of realities we do not see." An English schoolboy interpreted that verse once in his own language as: "Faith is believin' in something that really ain't true". But it is more than that, is it not?

No man operates or lives with-

out faith. For every person there is at any given moment ONE interest, ONE reality that outweighs all others. It may be self, or family, or success, or the system, or the pursuit of truth and knowledge. There is always something or someone, we put our faith in. When a person grasps hold of that reality, surely his mind goes into

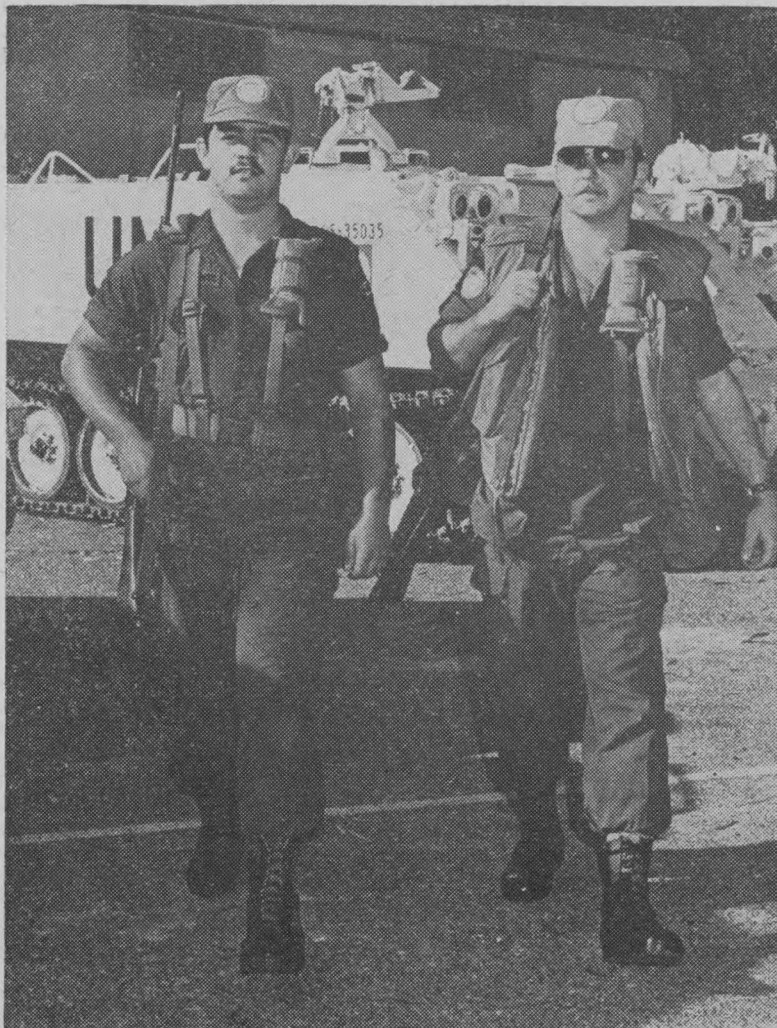
gear to examine where his centre of value lies. Faith is not just sight, but rather insight. Hopefully this insight makes us look through self, family, success, system, truth and knowledge to grasp the ultimate reality. (We look at the answers to WHAT and WHY.) If the ultimate reality is really ultimate, that is, if it points in the direction of God, faith leads to character and the fulfillment of life's

potential. Paul described life's potential this way: "...we shall become mature men, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature.." Faith not only makes us look in, it makes us look out. Faith allows us to build a life upon, or within, the greatest promises ever given to man.

Is faith believin' in something that really ain't true? NO! Faith is the foundation of life.

by Padre McLellan.

FROM CITY EAST TO CITY WEST... THE BIG A



L to R. Pte MIKE Goodwin and Pte HARRY MacDonald.

SWEATHOGS GRUNT

Hello again from the elite. Well, we made it through another 2 weeks of OP duties and recently went on Swanny standby.

Well, we're sorry to be losing our two deadeye dicks, Pte "Stan the Sniper Man" Staple-

ford and Cpl "Hawkeye" Mrozinski. But they don't seem too worried about it. 1 platoon always had the best. Send us a postcard, boys.

We'll, after almost 4 months on the Island, MCpl Gallant still



"I HOPE THIS DOESN'T HURT".

Pte M G Davidson relaxes at the Lendra Pool.

can't figure out why the Turks won't answer when he calls them "George", or the Greeks when they won't answer to "Mustavo".

Pte "B'ackie" Daniels was happy to see he had a soul brother on the line representing the Turkish Force. Oh well, can't win 'em all Daniels.

Stampede Day went pretty

good with Pte "Hoggy Woggy" Irwin living up to his reputation by chasing hogs and Pte "Geronimo" Rivers showing the lads how to bust bronses.

Well Nissi is in store lads, so until then, hang in there. Number 1! (Note from the editor: I wouldn't be too sure about Nissi, lads!)

SECOND-TO-NONE

We'll, another two weeks of standby force is completed and not too many more to go.

The tour to Nissi Beach has become a regular welcome happening on standby force for those who wish to participate. Last Saturday a great time was again had by all, and this time Sgt "Leg" McLean joined our WO Nicholl in the task of watching the men watching the girls, ec., etc; to make sure the watching was all that went on. Good ol' Sarge, always concerned for the welfare of the men.

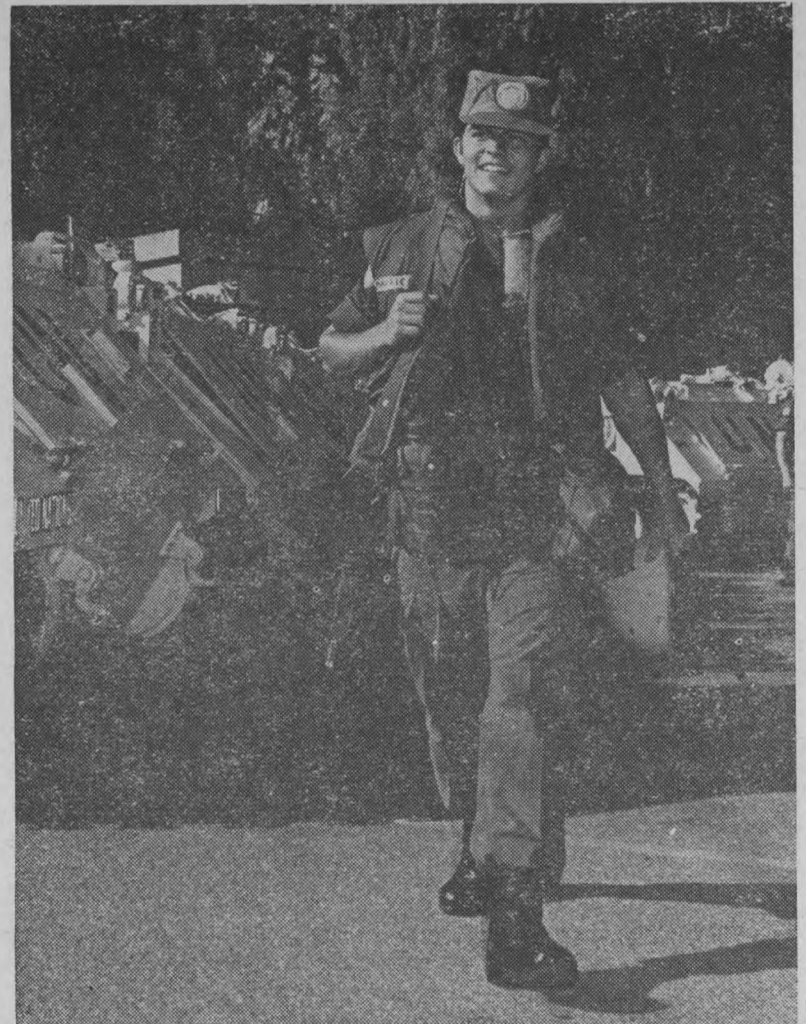
Standby also means weapons training and weapons classification. In 104 degree temperature the ranges in Dhekalia were not the most welcomed forms of training that could be offered, but with clenched teeth and sleeves rolled down, "Second-to-None" carried on with their C2 classification. A steak could have been charcoal broiled on the gravel on which we laid; yet there we were, lying down awaiting orders from the range OIC and Second-to-None commander Lt Pi'lar, who tried to push it through as fast as possible so that the men could bring down

their body temperature as much as possible with a 15 minute dip in the Mediterranean Sea. The sight of thirteen men dismounting from a 2½ ton truck in just combat pants and then walking straight into the water must have been one sight to behold — at least for the local sunbrathers and swimmers who caught a glimpse of the most bizarre underwater military operation in the history of this island. One minute they were there, and the next they were underwater looking for a cool current to settle in. It took some hard talking to convince MCpl "Moose" Mattinson that it wasn't possible to swim back to Canada.

As for weapons training, Sgt McLean and MCpl Mattinson did an excellent job of teaching the ins outs of the GPMG so that we may protect ourselves if any serious incidents do arise. In preparation for when we must classify on the SMG, Cpl Bercier taught us the load, unload and IA's and stoppages for the SMG.

We'll, it has been an interesting two weeks and to finish it off we had an inter-platoon softball game. The strong armed pitching of Pte "Sad Sack" Coles lead his team to a 15 — 1 triumph over Hansen's Horror Squad.

It's all down hill now. So long til next week.



Pte GREG Maurice. The Smile means he enjoyed his leave in England.

CHARLIE'S ANGELS

Ever since 3 platoon's conception, there has been a history of unusual events, and these last few weeks have been no exception. The first unbelievable event was what Lt "Inspector" Vail'ancourt saw when he checked into Pte "Watermelon" Roberts' room. What was seen was comparable to Pte "Drop" Preston's recent experiment, which involved four watermelons, one road, and Newton's law of gravity. Pte "Barbeque" Wi'son has impressed Pte "Almost Married" Atchison with his stories of walking on glowing coals. The latter hasn't been shy at revealing his ability to throw, break, and burn either. Both Pte "Ultra-Bright" Hammond and Pte "Almost 6 feet" Evans were rather upset when they found out that they were the last to hear about their hearing disorders. Incidentally, these ear aches were probably the result of listening to Pte "Sinatra" Dobson's version of Puppov Love. Gong!!!

While we're on the subject, MCpl "I Was Good" Holst has been wondering where his horseshoes have fallen out to after playing Pte "Champ" Harley for the World's Foosball Championship. How to go, champ!

Royal News Flash... Pte "King Rat" Sheehan has c'aimed responsibility for the disappearance of one long tailed female rodent. Could it be that he's found his Queen??

Finally we would like to wish that quiet and shy fe'llow, our very own Regimental Wine Connoisseur, Cpl "Grunt" Sillers the very best of times back in Canada. And we were wondering, do you think a few of us might be able to squeeze into your barrack box??



THE THIBEAU GANG COMES TO TOWN
Pte Dán Brinklow, MCpl Bób Thibeau and Pte MIKE Muise.

THE COY ON THE HILL



"HOT WHEELS"

Pte Tim Gallagher recently became the RSM's driver.



"HOT SHOT"

Pte DARYL Chandler will be part of the bn sniper team to compete in Ottawa.

THE MEN OF THE LINE

FIGHTING FOUR

Cheers from the Fighting Four. We are back again from OP TURKEY FARM where there is never a clear moment.

First off, we would like to welcome Pte Jacobs and Pte Fougere to four platoon and Cpl Saunders who is replacing MCpl "Mac Truck" McLean as No. 3 section 2IC.

"Hot Wheels" T.J. Gallagher has left his post at the OP's to perform the gruelling task of driving RSM "Willie" Colbourne, while Pte "JC" Trombley has driven himself into OP duty; leaving our Platoon Commander, Fearless "Freddy" Fredrickson, what few years he has left.

For the first time in fourteen years CANCON's four man Military Skills team has been victorious; with half the team, Sgt "No Sweat" Vardy and Pte "Legs" McIntyre from four platoon and Pte Kohinski from five platoon. Our congratulations on a fine showing for the battalion.

On the evening of the 12th of July at our popular downtown OP, Pte Phil "Zero" Blank celebrated his 22nd birthday by performing, for his peers, the Zulu Warrior Dance. Unconfirm-

ed sources say he was Boo-ed. Cpl "Buck" Buchanan spreads tales of his leave and led the boys in emptying their buckets before returning to OP duty.

Congratulations are due to Pte A. "Froggy" Hill on his recent 1st placing with the battalion sniper shoot, scoring 536 out of 600. He will be returning to Canada for a competition in Ottawa and a month of shooting:

No maggies;
No outers;
Just inners;
and Bulls.

Good Luck from four platoon.

A final Adieu & Gook Luck to Sgt Vardy, who is going to the Ledra Officers' Mess (You'll need your flak jacket, Sarge) and MCpl McLean who is going to sigs. Farewell from the Fighting Four.

FIVE PLATOON

Hi fans! This week finds the Big Five on a new set of OPs; OP VINEYARD, OP SCHOOL and, of course, OP FOXTROT. So now, instead of the guy's watching lizards and spiders at OP LIZARD and chickens at TURKEY FARM, the boy's in five

platoon are seeing real live people. How lucky can you get? Not much happening in sports over the last week except for the baseball team who will be suffering the loss of their manager and star pitcher, Sgt "Bullet" Hansen, who was flown back to Canada for medical reasons. All the best to you Sgt, all Bravo Company is hoping for your fast recovery.

Five platoon welcomes their new platoon commander, Lt Brooks, and Sgt Cameron who was our acting platoon WO while WO ("What! Another mile and a half!") Legge was on leave in Germany.

Ranges are still going strong as 10 people from five platoon were on the MTR Range on 8 and 15 July. From the results it looks like we will have a few people for this year's rifle team.

Five platoon has changed around again and are now in reserve, keeping busy working at OP C-65, the new kitchen, and general duties around camp. Training while in reserve will include the 1.5 mile run, 2 x ten-milers, a trip to Governor's Beach, and a tour of the beaches in Kyrenia.

The next article will see us back on OP duty taking a rest from the fast and furious life of reserve platoon.

SUPER SIX

These last 2 weeks saw the return of Sgt "Leroy" Turbide from leave in Germany. He returned with a darker tan and a smile. How a wife can transform a man!

Bouncing happily for the plane to Germany were Ptes Viscount and Vanderzee.

All of six platoon congratulates Pte "CB" Chandler who qualified for the sniper team that is going back to Canada for the biggy. Hey buddy, how much room you got in your luggage? The trip is one way!

The SS also qualified on the MTR range in Akrotiri. Cpl "Hawkeye" Husey got a perfect score on the C1.

Leaving us for the CP is Cpl "Radar" Weiler. In exchange the SS gets Pte "Uke" Volek from the CP. Also joining us is Pte "Whitey" Thomas from Canada.

We just finished two weeks on reserve and are very glad to be back on OP's C46, C47 and C57. At least we know what we will be doing anyways.

Members of Super Six can feel time speeding up as we pass the 3 month hump. It's downhill from here on in (out).

We finished the kitchen! OP BISON (C65) is near completion. Thank-God! That's it for this week from Super Six.

COY HQ

The news has spread, far & wide, to the four corners of the UNPA - CML has a new dining hall! Yes, the one they started when was a corporal. Well, he's now the big wienie and our boys are eating in their new hall. They said it wouldn't be done for a while and it wasn't, but we came close.

Maj Lou Grimshaw, our OC, is still occasionally missing. He has been rumoured to appear at well-known eating spots on the island. It's also rumoured that there is a book in the making. Early releases have hinted — **Dining & Wniing in Cyprus on \$25.00 (Cdn though!) a Night** as a possible title.

Pte "Fingers" Miles is still responsible for consuming enormous quantities of type and still puts his mark through carbon paper at a staccato rate. And the paper still overflows his in-basket. Is it true you've got 3 in-baskets & 1 out-basket, Fingers?

CSM "Squeaky" Reid is seriously thinking of taking out an advertisement in the 'Blue Beret' — "Have quarter-guard — will travel"; anywhere in the island — outside sector 4 please provide ½ day's notice.

Capt 'Yes-my-Son' Krause has

been seen swimming in circles. He swims with one-arm. Yet, not to be denied his athletic pursuits, he's been working on tying his combat boot laces with one hand and learning to land on his feet on the soccer pitch.

'Arms' Pe'key (our CQMS) and his boys report that their turtle is fairing well. He lives in the TDM under a bush and would be well camouflaged but for two red PPCLI flashes on the sides of his shell. He (the turtle) has lived with the Brits, but fee's pretty sure he'll ask for an extension with the Battalion — yes, because the food's better! He & 'Arms' are figuring a way to put a handle on him so he can immigrate to Canada as a handbag:-

— "Get your * + @ + = feet in you dumm A.S.O.E. or the gigs up".

— "Entaxi, it's okay".

— Oh s - - t!

We'd all like to welcome Lt 'Booker' Brooks to the Dustbowl. It's not Holywood Square, but it's home — well maybe not home, or not even a nice place to visit.

Finally, the laugh o' de month award goes to the naive MCpl from BBC who thought he could get two air conditioners for the new MCpls, Mess in CML.

THE BEAVER BAR TALE

In the past two weeks the Beaver Bar has undergone a tranquil time. Minor improvements have taken place and it is hoped that the Beaver Bar party on 22 July won't undo the work completed. The wheat fields (dubbed "the garden") have been partially burned and cactus are beginning to appear on the landscape — "And they shall cause the desert to blossom forth as the Rose of Alberta." (paraphrased). At last, indoor and outdoor speakers — now there's no escaping BTO or Olivia! The speakers are a welcome addition to the Mess and thanks to the efforts of "Fred-die" (Hands) Fredrickson, they actually work.

The last happy hour was hosted by the Beaver Bar and it was intended that the UNPA cowboys would again assert themselves over the Hollywood Squares in a game of baseball. However, an insufficient number of players allowed the Palace Guard a reprieve.

There have not been anymore MASH-TYPE incidents as of late, but an entertaining evening is planned for 22 July. How does one put 48 bottles of wine into a refrigerator? Who's going to fix the broken light socket? Who owns the tapes we like to hear? All these are the essential questions being generated in preparation. After all, one must keep the sharp end from getting bluned, right?!

Until we speak again, we remind you that you are all most welcome, at any time, to join us at the Beaver Bar.

WOS' AND SGTS'

Here we are again and already another two weeks have passed on sunny Cyprus. If people in passing happen to hear a strange sound coming from the area of the mess, it is our **NEW** stereo system. Under the guidance of our resident electronics expert, CSM "Sparks" Reid and his capable assistant, Sgt Joe "Where-do-I-Splice" Johansen, we now have both inside and outdoor speakers working.

On the 9th of July BBC WOs & Segts decided to make us on in a game of lob-ball. It was a thrilling game that was called on account of darkness at 1600! Final 24 — 24. The game was highlighted by spectacular fielding by WO Tom "its-over-my-head" Pelkey. Sgt Jim Bell and WO Pete Stott both forgot to use their gloves to field with, and the result was a sore leg for Jim and a score chin for Pete, as that was where the ball made contact with their bodies. After the game we retired to the BBC Mess for Happy Hour and a fantastic Bar-B-Q.

WO Frank Legge and "Drum-my" Point finally got off the island after a slight delay and enjoyed themselves in Germany.

On the entertainment side of the house, we said goodbye to LCol Minnis and welcomed Mai Ashton. We also had a Bar-B-Q for the RSM and CWO Dzioba which was enjoyed by all. Under the guidance of our KO, Sgt Ken Peverelle, we found out we had two apprentice cooks in our midst; Sgts Turbide and Bob Cameron, both of whom did a very good job to make the Bar-B-Q a success.

Until the next time we say so long; remember, if you are in the UNPA, drop into the Mess for a cool one.

B COY SPORTS

Since the last report in sports the Big Bee has seen action in soccer, vol'eyball, Cross Country running Military Skills Competition (UNFICYP) and unit baseball.

The update on soccer has seen the Big Bee fight to a 0 — 0 tie with HQ Coy plus a 0 — 0 tie with Log Coy in two hard fought games with numerous chances being missed by both sides.

The game on the 17th July was lost to A Coy by a score of 2 — 1. A Coy scored both goals in the first half and then in the second half saw the Big Bee all over them. Pte Paul scored a beautiful goal during the second half, which went between the hands of A Coy's keeper and the goal post. Unfortunately for the Big Bee, A Coy desperately hung on to their one goal lead despite the numerous attacks by Big Bee.

Volleyball has not been one of Bee Coy's leading sports and our vol'eyball team has gone down to defeat against HQ Coy, A Coy and Log Coy. It's all right though, as we have some hidden talent which will be used in play-offs against the league

leading HQ Coy. So beware, HQ!

The Inter-sector Military Skills Competition was won by CAN-CON. Bee Coy would like to congratulate Capt Penman, Sgt Vardy, Pte McIntyre and Pte Kohinski on a job well done. Their c'osest rivals were the British team, who came on as a big threat during the last half of the 2nd day's event.

The Cross Country running team of Big Bee suffered it's first defeat to HQ Coy due to a lack of runners. Pte McIntyre and Pte Kohinski still showed their superiority in this sport by placing first and second. It should be noted that HQ Coy was the only team which was not disqualified.

Baseball — On 18 July B Coy faced Log Coy in baseball. The first inning saw Big Bee take a 3 — 0 lead. In the second, Log came back with five runs due to errors committed by Big Bee. In the third, Bee Coy scored two more runs. Then, due to poor fielding throughout the game by Bee Coy, Log Coy was able to bui'd up a large lead. The score ended Log — 14, Bee — 7.

All Bee players will now sleep with their ball mitt!

THE CANADIAN CLUB

Well, once again the boys from the Dustbowl JRC have had a busyweek.

First of all, we say goodbye to MCpl George Roy as our Mess Manager. George is off to five platoon and is being replaced by MCpl "Gizzy" Hill.

A'so leaving us is our PMC, MCpl Bill Forde, who is moving to the Upper Class "MCpls' Mess". Bill is being replaced by Cpl Andy Skibinsky, Good Luck, Andy!

A renewed interest has been taken in Coy Sports with the addition of a free round for all players after the game. Our Volleyball capt, MCpl Neal Bynkoski, says maybe the team play would improve if they drank **be-**

fore the game.

Congratulations to Cpl Billy "Flame-On" Butler, who managed to burn down a pinball machine in a losing cause. Maybe you should buy a comb for good luck, Billy.

The new pinball champ is Pte John "The Wizard" Thivierge, who racked up 128,000 pts. How come you're wearing a pair of Elton John glasses now?

Also Cpl Doug Hamilton continues to amaze the competition with his flukey luck at pool. Next week he claims he'll start using the tip of the cue.

Leaving us too is Pte Daryll Chand'er. Daryll and Pte Al Hill are off to Ottawa on a sniper competition.

Future plans for the "club" include a combined Happy Hour and barbeque. Well, that's it for now from the Canadian C'ub.



SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER AT CML.